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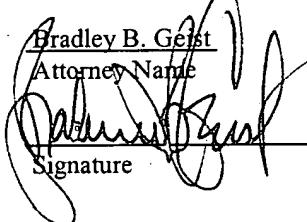
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Sir:

Upon review of the declaration for the above-identified application submitted to the USPTO on April 2, 2001, a typographical error has been noted on page 2, wherein two checkmarks were erroneously indicated under "priority not claimed". Applicants hereby affirm priority status for this patent application which was claimed on the filing date of November 15, 2000. Certified copies of German priority application no. 199 55 587.7 filed November 18, 1999, and application no. 100 47 928.6 filed September 27, 2000 were submitted on February 14,

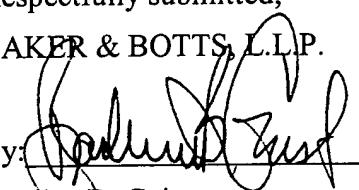
2001. It is respectfully requested that this Letter be placed in the Patent Office file of the application so that it will be of record.

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